

HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

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Co-Chairmen of the 1959 Wasatch County Centennial celebration were Arvel and Dove McAfee.

Members of the county commission also cooperated in improving Memorial Hill as a monument to servicemen of World War I. Main impetus for the memorial came from H. Clay Cummings and Sumner Hatch, officers of the Lockhart Post of the American Legion. D. A. Broadbent was also instrumental in having legislation passed enabling counties in the state to levy local taxes for memorial purposes. With these funds Wasatch County was able to purchase the hill and surrounding land. Much of the land was purchased from Elijah Watkins. Under Mr. Broadbent's personal supervision the spiral road up to the hill was constructed, and a memorial and beacon placed on top. The beacon was lighted each evening until vandals and pot-hat riflemen destroyed it beyond repair.



Members of the 1959 Wasatch County Centennial celebration fair board, left front row, left to right, Dove McAfee, LaPreal Barnes, Betty Jones, Ida Watkins, Emily Conrad and Mary Bacon. Back row, left to right, Leslie McPhie, Wilson Young, William Sweeney, Earl Smith, William Jordan, Don Barker and Arvel McAfee back.

Other projects promoted by the commission have included erection of a Memorial Building and fire station in 1934, construction of the Heber Valley Airport; establishment of transmitter stations to improve television reception in the valley and many zoning projects that have enhanced property values throughout the county.

1945; Ruby Cummings, 1947; Atha Montgomery, 1949; Annie Rasband, 1952; Marie P. Carlile, 1954, and Alice Seiter, 1957.

PRIMARY: Presidents, and the years in which they were sustained, are as follows: Janett Murdoch McMullin, 1903; Emma Giles Carlile, 1904; Janett Gardner Duke, 1908; Maybell McMullin Moulton, 1912; Emma Giles Carlile, 1915; Eliza A. Jeffs Rasband, 1916; Florence Jacobs Nelson, 1919; Blanch Young McAfee, 1925; Annie McMullin Rasband, 1927; Zelma McNaughton, 1932; Ella Giles Danielson, 1935; Pearl Carlile Remund, 1939; Yvonne Cummings Watson, 1940; Atha Johnson Montgomery, 1942; Jennie Broadbent Carlile, 1946; Norma Moulton Montgomery, 1950; Clara Howarth Epperson, 1953; Viola Giles Kinsey, 1954; Doris Thacker Gardner, 1955; Zella Howarth Mair, 1956; Thora VanLeuvan Pace, 1958; Alleen Zufelt Giles, 1959, and Maurine C. Cheever, 1960.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Included among the Sunday School superintendents have been John E. Moulton, A. L. Davis, J. E. McMullin, Forrest Dayton, J. Sylvan Rasband, Kenneth Carlile, H. Clay Cummings, Fenton Sharp, Warren Hicken, Richard Glazier, Irving Rasband, Paul VanWagoner, Emer Broadbent, Walter McDonald, John Barnard, Angus Thacker, Mark Rasband, Earl Dayton, Byron Cheever and Neil Montgomery.

YMMIA: Some of the MIA superintendents have been J. T. (Tom) Roberts, Royal J. Murdoch, J. R. Price, George Pyper, J. Sylvan Rasband who served two separate times, Francis Carlile, John Danielson who served two separate times, Wendell Duke, Ray Nelson, Glendon Evans, Earl H. Smith, Edson Packer, Walter Seiter, Clarence Pace and Dennis Jensen.

YWMIA: Presidents in the ward have included Christina Montgomery Smithies, Sylvia Duke Buckley, Della Giles Davies, Mary Buell Simkin, Annie McMullin Rasband, Lillian Cummings Moulton, Ruth Hicken Dickson, Katherine Moulton, a counselor who acted during Sister Dickson's extended illness, Emma Sonderegger Nelson, Donna Murdoch Montgomery, Zelma McNaughton, Rachel Smith, Ella Giles Danielson, Florence Price Carlile, Teenie Montgomery Rasband, Bernice Alder Simpson, La Von Howe Jones, Helen Turner Carlile, Wanda Carlile Simmons and Josie Todd Hicken.

CHOIR: When the ward was organized in 1903 Joseph A. Murdoch was named chorister with Lillian Cummings (Moulton) as organist. Others who have directed the choir include J. E. McMullin, Frank Hardy, Emma Carlile (Smith), Clara Howarth Epperson and Atha J. Montgomery. Organists have been Emma G. Carlile, LaVern Jeffs Ryan, Lillian Cummings (Moulton), May Giles (Smith), Donna Murdoch (Montgomery) Ethel Moulton (Watson) and ReNee Thacker Carlile.



In this picture, looking north, is another portion of the early Heber business district. The small building at the extreme left is Brig Witt's dentist's office. The Consolidated Wagon and Machine Co. occupied the south portion of the Heber Mercantile Company Building. In the background of the picture, on the corner, is Heber's first bank building.

the present manager, Harold Smith. Both as A. Hatch and Company and the Heber City Exchange, this business is probably the city's longest in operation.

One of the most prosperous business sections in Heber during the years is the area known as "Hatch's Row." This section included buildings between Abram Hatch's residence and his store on Main Street. Some of the businesses along this row have been a harness and shoe shop operated by Danielson and Dahlman, the A. L. Davis barber shop, a saddle and harness shop owned by Nephi Forman, the Wave printing and publishing offices, J. W. Buckley's men's store, the Smith Meat and Grocery operated by George Smith & Sons, Earl and Sylvan Smith, and others. Today, the "Hatch Row" includes the Aloma Motel



The Heber Exchange Company building and general merchandise store as it is today.



Hicken Bros. Meat Market, one of the early Heber businesses, is shown here with John H. Hicken the proprietor; at the left, Mont Hicken, Thelma Ohlwiler Wootton, Elthoria Hicken Halverson and Phyllis McMillan O'Toole. The picture was taken about 1908.

Orson Moulton, also a leading town butcher. Hicken Bros. was in business 18 years.

All meat markets now operate in connection with grocery stores or the Heber Exchange. Earl Smith and Sons operate a freezing and cold storage locker business in connection with their grocery and meat market. Meats are also sold at the Safeway Store and by Ezra Van Wagoner who operates what was formerly the O. P. Skaggs store on First South and Main.

LUMBER YARDS

In March, 1933, Leslie Lowe Ashton, his wife and two young sons arrived in Heber to establish the lumber and hardware business called "Ashton's." Included in the partnership were two other brothers, C. L. Ashton of Roosevelt and Rae Ashton of Vernal. They located in the old Bonneville Lumber Company building which they had purchased from Morrison-Merrill Company of Salt Lake City.

A month later Mr. Ashton moved the old frame building back 50 feet to allow room for a service station which he built in connection with the business. Shell Oil products were distributed.



Members of the Heber Valley Fire Department in 1958 included the following: From left to right, Arvel M. McAfee, Frank Hardy, Arch Buys, Douglas Smith, Mont Giles, Ray Wright, William Turnbow, Harvey Bronson, Don Smith, Veri Wright, Earl Smith, Hylton Burch, Neff Thomas, Neil Montgomery, Rolland Carlile, Lynn McKnight, Forest Dayton, Richard Jones, Owen Buell and Glen Jensen.

William Horner, Abram Hatch Jr., William Murri, Rudolph McKnight, Francis Moulton, Earl Smith, Virgil Fraughton, A. D. Buys, Earl Clyde, Joseph Hylton and Mont Giles, all on a volunteer basis. Others who joined soon after the organization was formed were Lee Holdaway, Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Joseph Olpin, Ralph Giles, Lorenzo Wootton, Walter O'Toole and Carl Duke. Mr. Hardy was appointed chief with Mr. Horner assistant chief, Mr. Hatch, captain and Mr. Murri secretary.

Four hydrants were installed on main street and 1,000 feet of fire hose was purchased on two two-wheeled trailers. One trailer was kept at the Pikes Peak Garage and the other at Moulton Garage.

By 1926 the department had grown to 16 members and the group had joined the Utah State Firemen's Association.

The second fire truck, a 500 gallon Maack pumper was purchased in 1935 as a cooperative venture between Heber City, Midway, Charleston and the county commission. The department's name was changed to the Heber Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and began responding to fires anywhere in the valley.

Mr. Hardy served as chief for 13 years and was succeeded by Lee Holdaway in 1937. Earl H. Smith succeeded Mr. Holdaway, and then in 1946 Mr. Hardy again became chief and served until 1959 when Neff Thomas was appointed. Assistant chiefs have included William Horner, Forrest Dayton, A. D. Buys, Mont Giles and Arvil McAfee.

Firemen who have received their 25 year pins from the State Firemen's Association include Owen F. Buell, Earl H. Smith, Mont Giles, A. D. Buys, Forrest Dayton and Frank Hardy. At the 1961 state convention held in St. George, Mr. Hardy was presented a 50-year pin for service to the Utah association. Earl H. Smith is also serving his third five-year term as a trustee of the state group.

During recent years the department has moved into a new fire station and has added new trucks and many pieces of modern fire fighting equipment. Membership is kept at 20, all of whom are on call 24 hours a day and work strictly on a volunteer basis to protect property in the county against fires. Because of their work the valley's fire insurance rates have been very favorable.

Some firemen who have served in recent years include Verl Wright, William Turnbow, Neil Montgomery, Douglas Smith, Lynn McKnight, Lynn Bonner, Rolland Carlile, Bill Jasperson, Ray Wright, Hylton Burch, Don Smith, Jay Giles, Harvey Bronson, Glen Jensen, Ralph Stevens, Marvis Clyde, Neil Bether, Art Mair, Paul Probst, LaRen Provost, Ray Farrell, Richard Jones, and Clyde Broadbent.

Secretaries of the department have included Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Douglas Smith and Clyde Montgomery.

A ladies auxiliary was organized in 1949 with Mary Hardy as president. She was also State Auxiliary president. Other presidents have been Theima Wootton, La Von Burch and Dove McAfee who also have been state presidents. Lizzie Buell served for 10 years and Lois Wright, both have been auxiliary secretaries. May Smith was State Auxiliary secretary for two years.

The first fire alarm was the bell in the stake house tower, but in recent years a siren has been constructed with connections to enable the telephone operator to sound the alarm.

In addition to his work with the fire department, Mayor McMullin completed successful road and sidewalk projects, improved the city water system and strengthened the Heber Light and Power Plant. While many interests were pressing the city to sell the "white elephant power plant," Mayor McMullin put the issue to the people in a special election and won a majority vote of the people to continue city operation of the facility.

When Mayor McMullin was re-elected in 1926 he was as councilmen Albert Dickson, Henry Moulton, Sumner Hatch and Frederick Crook. Sylvan Rasband and Elmer Strong continued as recorder and treasurer, respectively.

Mayor McMullin directed one of the valley's large celebrations in August of 1927 when the city played host to the Sixth Annual State Encampment of Indian War Veterans. The encampment and concurrent homecoming celebration continued for four days and included two parades, band concerts, dances by Ute Indians, talent shows, ball games, rodeos, carnival treats and community dances. Large barbecue pits dug

the chapter for women of the valley who had business or professional careers.

Vilate McMillan was first president of the group, with Lula Clegg, vice president, Ruby Duke, corresponding secretary, Maranda Smith, recording secretary, LaVon Bond, treasurer and Edith Wootton, assistant treasurer. Charter members also included Nellie Ohlwiler, Agnes Parkinson, Mae Greenwood, Gladys Holt, Bessie Reeves, Edna Montgomery, Daisy Cummings, Garnet Watkins, Nina Clyde, Edna Murdock, Lerelia McMillan, Crissie Jones, Dorothy Salisburg, Emma H. Wherritt, Mrs. E. P. Cliff, Belva Fortie, Annie Fisher, Hazel Clyde, Florence Hicken, Laura F. Murdock, Manila Carlile, Sarah Orme, Heloise Hatch, Melba Duke, Teenie Duke, Nora Curry, Thelma Ritchie, Janie Murdock, Mildred Ivins, Nora Read, Josie Daybell, Sylvia Wootton, Veronica Heinleiu, Orah Giles, Sara Simpson, Edna McMullin, Comfort Bachman, Birdie Bates, Lethe Coleman, Dora Fuller and Martha D. Shute, an honorary member.

Numerous activities have been carried on by the group, including fund raising events to help girls of the community gain business education, conducting annual graduation teas at Wasatch High School as well as school oratory and music contests. The chapter established Wasatch County's Memorial Hill and has conducted memorial service programs at the site. They have also staged barbeques at the annual Wasatch County Stock Shows. The pits always being fired and meat barbecued by the Heber Valley Firemen, serving as many as 2,000 persons at one of the shows. Gifts have been presented to Wasatch County Library, and the group provided many services during World War II to servicemen or their families. Members of the club who have held offices in the state organization have included Lula Clegg, Edna Montgomery, Ruby Duke and Miranda Smith.

One of the community's most active service groups is the Heber Lions Club which received its charter from Lions International on December 10, 1928. The charter members included Ralph E. Strub, the first president, John M. Turner, William L. Anderson, John A. Anderson, Walter H. Seiter, Dr. H. R. Read, Earl M. Hardy, Earl H. Smith, Earl Tilson, Jesse L. Hiatt, Jack A. Jensen, A. W. Chenney, Joseph A. Rasband, Emer W. Murdock, Owen F. Buell, Laban Hylton, Dr. B. A. Dannenberg, Wilson Dean, G. W. Baker and George B. Stanley. Owen F. Buell was the first secretary and retained the position for 10 years.

Presidents of the club after Mr. Strub have been, in order of their service, Jesse L. Hiatt, Earl M. Hardy, John A. Anderson, Ralph F. Nilsson, Storm McDonald, John M. Turner, Joseph Hylton, Lowe Ashton Sr., Riley C. Draper, Clyde Broadbent, Dr. Karl O. Nielson, Heber M. Rasband, Ralph Stringham, L. C. Montgomery, Lloyd J. Wettencamp, Harold H. Smith, Andrew J. Mohr, Wesley Walton, Andrew McConkie, Edson Packer, George Strelbel, Raymond Jiaocetti, Lloyd Lawton, L. A.